

Mercy Hospital Receives OK to Expand Services

LANSING—Mercy Hospital in Grayling has the go-ahead from the state to expand its services.

The hospital's proposal to establish a department of nuclear medicine has been approved by the Division of Health Facility Planning and Construction of the State Health Department.

Both the North Central Michigan Comprehensive Health Planning Council and the state administrators of the federal Hill-Burton program concurred in the action.

Mercy Hospital needs only to acquire a gamma camera at a cost of \$48,000 to make its nuclear medicine department operative. This should be accomplished by this summer, perhaps as early as June.

Social Security Representative Will Be in Grayling April 6th

The Social Security Representative will be at the Crawford County Court House on Michigan Avenue in Grayling from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 6.

The representative will be there to meet with people who wish to apply for Social Security benefits, for Supplemental Security Income payments, or for Medicare.

He will also be available to answer questions and discuss other Social Security matters.

Please note the Social Security representative will also be coming to Grayling on Tuesday, April 20th.

For further information, call 616/946-8360, the Traverse City Social Security District Office.

Property Tax Reform Needed

[By B. J. Fowler, Grayling Twp. Supervisor]

Last week in my article I mentioned that Township Supervisors had a meeting scheduled to discuss the State Tax Commission study of property values in Crawford County. Being a Supervisor I suppose I may be prejudiced but I was impressed by the fact that all six Township Supervisors were present as well as the Assessors from Beaver Creek and Lovells Townships. It was very apparent to me that there was deep concern among all present over the State study. This concern was not so much with the fact the study was done or even the results but the timing in providing the data to us.

The State Tax Commission sales study and appraisal study data reached the office of the County Equalization Director on March 16th according to Director Larry Hunter. This data was then made available to the various Township Supervisors. To date I have no information to indicate this State study material was reviewed and evaluated or checked for accuracy by the County government.

According to the information I have to date the Tax Commission data was used by the County to establish the tentative ratios and factors as published in this newspaper as part of the Board of Review notices as early as February 19th. Along with receipt of the Tax Commission study data all Townships were notified of increases from the tentative factors published earlier, ranging from a low of 2.31% to a high of 33.30%.

The very fact the State study material was not made available until March 16th, two full weeks after the first meeting of the Boards of Review, would seem to be justification to request the Tax Commission to delay its use until local government units affected have had time for full evaluation.

I will not permit myself to be put in the position of accepting this study without adequate time for review. Further I want to assure the people I was elected to represent, I will not permit this sort of thing to happen without doing everything in my power to stop it. With all the responsibilities facing Township Supervisors at this time of year, such as Board of Review, Tax Commission reports, Township budget preparation and annual meetings, to name a few, there is not sufficient time for such evaluation prior to April 5th. This is the last day by law for completion of Board of Review work.

Township Supervisors and Assessors were unanimous in their decision to request the State Tax Commission to delay use of the study for one year. The County Board of Commissioners have requested a meeting with the Township Supervisors and Assessors on April 8th. I hope the Commission will join Township government in seeking a delay in use of the study data for 1976. I personally feel such action is in the best interest of the taxpayers and residents, the people we were elected to represent.

There are a few encouraging things happening. Not the least of these has been comments in the Superintendent's Corner. I think Fraser Dean really made the point last week. It is going to take a united effort on the part of all local units of government and the taxpayers to bring about Property Tax Reform.

I personally am disgusted with the fact our State Legislature has apparently not been able to find the time to work on Property Tax Reform. For years we have been fed a piece meal approach to the problem. This feeling of disgust is brought to the forefront even

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WARNING TO DOG OWNERS—Joe Durga, Crawford County Animal Control officer, has issued a warning to dog owners that they will be issued a summons for allowing their dog to run at large. He also stated, that any dog caught in the act of chasing or molesting deer will be destroyed. The above photo shows just one of the many deer that have been killed by dogs this spring. Your cooperation will be appreciated, Durga added.

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LIONS CLUB RECEIVES CHARTER—The Grayling Lions Club held their charter dinner last Friday at the Chief Shoppenagons Hotel with 217 in attendance. Shown above, Bruce Carpenter, left, District Governor of Lansing, presents the Grayling Charter to Chapter President, Don Stephens, with Donald Prause, Secretary-Treasurer taking part in the ceremonies. Other officers of the local club besides Stephens and Prause are: 1st V-P, Richard Redding; 2nd V-P, Dean Molnar; 3rd V-P, Carl Hatfield; Lion Tamer, Howard Lehtil and Tail Twister, Bob Prause. On the Board of Directors are: 2 year terms, Dan Willett and George McCarver. One year terms, Don and Dave Ferguson. The club will meet Thursday evening, April 1st at the Holiday Inn. Anyone interested in joining the organization are invited to attend.



BEAR MARKETING INSTITUTE—A new class for the Fred Bear Sporting Goods Marketing Institute began here in Grayling Monday for a week-long session with Bear Marketing Personnel. Front row, left to right: Monty Misdom, Waynesboro, Pa.; Susan Mallonee, San Pablo, California; Lou Davenport, Bainbridge, New York; Mike Walsh, Thomaston, Conn. Second row, left to right: Frank Scott of Grayling, Director of the Institute; Wes Meisinger, Norfolk, Nebraska; Salvatore Giammona, Williamstown, N.J.; Frank Hogan, Maple Lake, Minnesota; Gene Goldacker, Milan, Illinois; Norman Brady, Millersburg, Pa. Back row, left to right: Frank Siderio, Williamstown, N.J.; Bob Thorne, Romulus, Michigan; Joe Ellithorpe, Encino, California and Ed Hartman, Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Bank Branch in Grayling Mall; Joyce Ingalls Named Manager

John H. Alef, President of the Grayling State Bank announced this week, that the bank has received permission from the Financial Institutions Bureau of the Department of Commerce, and also Federal Reserve approval, to establish a new banking facility at the Grayling Mall, with a tentative opening on May 1st.

The Board of Directors of the bank has named Mrs. Joyce Ingalls as manager of the new facility.

Mrs. Ingalls has been a member of the bank's staff for 7 years. She and her husband Albert, are the parents of four children, Marcia, Joyce, Lisa and Ray.

Mr. Alef stated, that the new facility located in the Grayling Mall on the I-75 Business Loop, South, will have extended hours, and 2 drive-in windows, as well as inside banking convenience for their customers.



Joyce Ingalls
To Meet

World War I Barracks and Auxiliary 3388 will meet at the Legion Hall on April 6th. There will be a potluck at 12:00, meeting to follow.

Fashion Show Luncheon This Saturday

A Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon, sponsored by St. Mary's Altar Society, will be held Saturday, April 3, at 11:30 a.m. at Chief Shoppenagons Motor Hotel. Featured will be fashions from the Grayling Mercantile Co.

Tickets may be purchased from any member of St. Mary's Altar Society for a donation of \$4.00. Proceeds will go to the St. Mary's Building Fund.

There will be door prizes and surprises galore so join your friends and see what's "in" for spring. Tickets will be available at the door only if not sold out previously.

Our Weather

(Courtesy of Chuck Fick)

March	High	Low	Snow
23	34	18	8.0
24	50	32	6.0
25	64	29	5.0
26	52	30	
27	36	25	
28	35	20	
29	48	26	

Failing, Survey Technician, Retires

Horace Failing, Hydrologic Technician with the U.S. Geological Survey's Water Resources Division office in Grayling since 1948, is retiring on March 31st after more than 28 years of Federal service. During his career, Failing became one of the Survey's experts on the flow of streams in the Lower Peninsula. Locally he is known for his success as a trout fisherman and fly-tying ability.

A retirement dinner, attended by friends and associates from around the State, was held at Chief Shoppenagons Motor Hotel on Friday evening, March 26th.

Failing and his wife Anne make their home at 401 Ogemaw Street.

Kirtland Designated As Automotive Test Center

Kirtland Community College has been designated as a special test center to give competency tests for automobile mechanics, heavy-duty truck and bus mechanics, and auto body repair and painters. These tests are offered by the Institute for Automotive Service Excellence, Washington, D.C. and administered by the Educational Testing Service, Princeton, N.J.

The following tests will be conducted at the Kirtland special test center #528:

Automobile: Engine Repair, Automatic Transmission, Manual Transmission and Rear Axle, Front End, Brakes, Electrical Systems, Heating and Air Conditioning and Engine Tune-up.

Heavy-Duty Truck: Gasoline Engines, Diesel Engines, Drive Train, Brakes, Suspension and Steering and Electrical Systems.

Body Repair: Body Repair and Painting and Refinishing.

The tests will be administered at Kirtland Community College May 4, 6, 11 and 13. Information booklets and registration forms can be obtained at Kirtland's Admissions Office.

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Cooper to Close Travel Series

Tuesday evening, April 6th will mark the close of Grayling's Third Annual Travel and Adventure Series sponsored by the Grayling Community School Program. Appearing at that performance will be that legendary "funny lumberjack" of the travelogue circuit, Dennis Cooper, narrating his hilarious true life adventure "Northwestern Adventure".

This full-color adventure of Washington, Oregon and Idaho was three years in the making and is a fun and fact-filled trip through some of the most spectacular natural beauty in North America. The "cruise ship" is a shaky little steam boat constructed by the Cooper Brothers, which huffs and puffs its uncertain way through a wilderness filled with wild animals, fabulous fishing and white water rivers.

The "cruise" begins in the high Cascades, the Switzerland of the United States, with stops at Mt. Ranier, Mt. Baker, Mt. Adams, Mt. St. Helen and Mt. Hood. Then it's on to Seattle where Dennis, in his own way, shows us the Arboretum, Old Town and the "World's Fair" space needle. The "cruise" crossed Lake Washington and Puget Sound to Olympic National Park with its own range of mountains and the Rain Forests of Olympic Peninsula, the greatest in the world. On to Tacoma and then Olympia with its Capitol buildings. Portland, Oregon is most beautiful in spring, especially the well known International Rose Gardens.

Then it's on to Idaho where Dennis shows us how he and his brother Don built the little steam boat and with the contraption we travel Idaho's wilderness rivers and see the last log drive on the Clearwater River with 50 million feet of logs en route to the mill. Here wildlife abounds with black bear, grizzly bear, moose, deer,

[See Travel Series on page 11]

Flood Conditions on South Branch

Early Spring rains, linked with warm weather and a large amount of snow have created a problem on the upper reaches of the South Branch of the AuSable River in Crawford County. The rising water level began creating problems for residents along the river early last Saturday.

The first report of water threatening homes and dwellings was received by Crawford County Emergency Preparedness Director Howard Taylor shortly after noon Saturday. An immediate survey of the situation was made by the EP Director and Crawford County Sheriff Harold Hatfield.

At that time a decision was made to encourage the home owners to continue diking operations on their own in hopes that the river would crest during the evening hours, as was the present forecast.

The river however, did not cooperate and by the early morning hours Sunday, it became apparent that a flooding condition did exist in several areas and that the river was continuing to rise.

Within a short time, EP Director Taylor and Sheriff Hatfield had placed emergency operations previously established into operation. Sand and sand-

[See South Branch on page 3]

Henry Bradley and Mrs. Harry McEvers Succumb Tuesday

The Avalanche received word Tuesday evening of the deaths of Henry Bradley and Mrs. Harry Josephine McEvers.

Mr. Bradley succumbed in Lansing, while Mrs. McEvers passed away at Grayling Mercy Hospital on Tuesday.

Funeral arrangements for both are tentatively set for Friday.

Friends may call Sorenson Funeral Home for further particulars.

Little League Notice

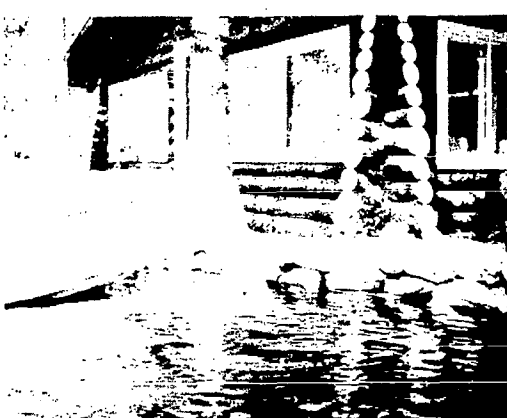
There will be a meeting for all officers, trustees, coaches, and interested parties, Wednesday, April 7th at 7:30. The location will be the Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. in their Conference Room.

Also registration for all new players that have never played Little League in Grayling will be taking place at the American Legion Hall, April 10th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Please be accompanied by parent and bring birth certificate.

Harold Baker, President

WARNING

Inactive Duty Training will be conducted by units of the Michigan Army and Air National Guard during the period 10-11 April 1976. The various ranges located at Camp Grayling will be utilized during this period. The Air to Ground Range located on the Artillery Range near Guthrie Lake north of County Road 612 will be used during the period 31 March and 1 thru 11 April 1976. These ranges will be closed during the above dates and all persons are warned to stay out of these areas.



SANDBAG OPERATIONS completed on the home of Walt Bastedo and Mrs. Lillian Daviskur. Emergency operations were conducted by Crawford County Emergency Preparedness Director Howard Taylor and Crawford County Sheriff, Harold Hatfield. (Photos by Sheriff's Dept.)



Kirtland Task Force Planned

Kirtland Community College is initiating an in-depth study of its long range plans. A task force consisting of both community and college representatives has been created to develop a comprehensive plan of institutional goals and objectives, including a plan for the development of an instructional program with special emphasis on improved utilization of the College's physical and human resources.

A meeting will be held in Kirtland's auditorium on Monday, April 12, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the question, "What should the college be doing for the Community it serves, and how can it best meet these needs?" All citizens with an interest in the future of their college are urged to attend the meeting and to participate in the discussion.

If you find it impossible to attend this meeting, we would appreciate your written comments on "What should the appropriate objectives of Kirtland Community College be?" Please address your communication or question to Dean Garnet Stewart in the Admissions Office of Kirtland or call Dean Stewart at 275-5121.

Bicentennial Band Concert

Middle School Gym — April 5, 1976

7:00 p.m. — No Charge

5th Grade Band

Song of Creation Beethoven
The Marines Hymn U.S. Marine Corps
Solos by Students
Yankee Doodle Traditional

6th Grade Band

Overture in Blue Kinyon
American Celebration Selesky
Solos by Students
Soul Rock Lauder

7th Grade Band

Yellow Rose of Texas Livingston
The Colorado Trail Ployhar
Red, White and '76 Case
Tijuana Taxi Coleman

8th Grade Band

Suite in Minor Mode Kabalevsky
Variation Overture Williams
Semper Fidelis Sousa
Directors:

LeRoy H. Christian and Rick Townsend.



CLASS OF '79 INVEST FOR FUTURE—The Freshman class of 1979 has really let their presence be known at Grayling High School. During the year, they have been involved in a number of projects that have been worthwhile experiences for both the community and the students. Having accumulated earnings from various sales, the class has decided to invest their money for the future. In this way, the class will build up its treasury for various class expenses, as well as the class trip. Class sponsors Mary Wilson and R. J. Hannan are happy to be involved with such an enthusiastic group of students. In photo above, R. J. Hannan, sponsor; left; Mickey Roach, Treasurer accepting Certificate of Deposit from Jack Alef, President of the Grayling State Bank. Looking on are Fawn Isenhauer, Secretary and Sue Ross President. Not pictured are Co-sponsor Mary Wilson and Vice President Shelly Fick.

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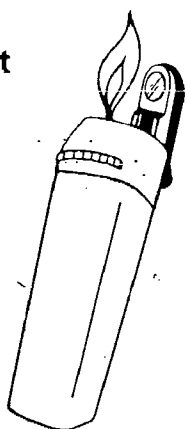
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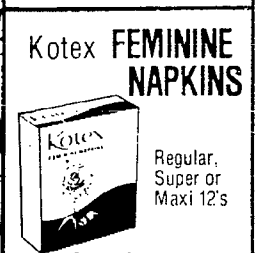
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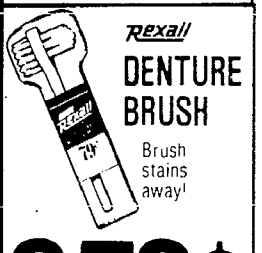
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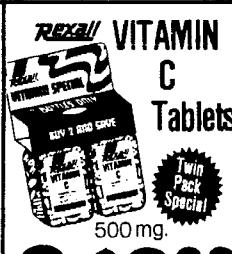


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From Our Corner...

To clarify our last week's corner concerning down-state residents for two readers we heard from last week, one by a phone call from Grand Ledge (sorry boss) and the other by letter from Donald Geiss, Manistee River Road, Frederic, and possibly others that may have missed the point by reading over nine words.

We finished our corner with, "stay down below where you may belong and must be happy, we have enough sour grapes of our own."

Missed were the last nine words in the preceding paragraph which were, "and Believe you are taken by your up-state cousins."

To Mr. Geiss, we do not believe our city is any different than any other in the north, and your statement of telling friends to stay clear of Grayling, is reminiscent of what we encountered a couple years ago.

A person would be stupid to believe — we have our little utopia and lock the doors to keep out all newcomers.

Our only point is — if you want to live among us — why knock us? Otherwise, so-long.

For Donna — the snow is all gone, we do like you downstaters, and look forward to a visit from you and Richard. We will even try and help you find some property up here.

An idle thought — How come bowling teams, and other groups that are supported by local merchants, go out of town for their banquets when there are facilities to handle them at either the Holiday Inn, Grayling House, Arrowhead Inn, Chief Shoppenagons Hotel or The Red Barn?

To end our corner on a happy note — T.J. spent the weekend babysitting a Monday morning exhausted grandmother.

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Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

23 YEARS AGO April 2, 1953

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Howse accompanied by Mrs. Christine Feldhauser went to Mt. Pleasant. The Howses to see an uncle and Mrs. Feldhauser to see her brother and family, the John Peterson's.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Newberry (Merna Glen) a 7 lb. baby girl on March 29th, who has been named Janet Carol. The grandparents are the Roy Newberry's of Frederic and Mrs. Kathryn Glen of Maple Forest.

The Vernon Rasmussens are happy over the arrival of a daughter, Kathryn Mary on March 26.

Mrs. Don Gothro was hostess to the Tuesday Bridge Club last week. Mrs. Ella Wilcox was a guest. High score was held by Mrs. Tom Welsh and second high by Mrs. Menno Corwin. Mrs. Harry Souders won the consolation and galloping prize.

James Taylor of Olivet, arrived last Wednesday to spend several days visiting his daughter, Mrs. Frank Bond and family. He stopped enroute at East Lansing and his granddaughter, Miss Joan, accompanied him to Grayling to spend "between term" vacation with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Ray Snider have returned home after spending the winter in Florida.

Miss Barbara Nelson is home from Michigan State College to spend between term vacation with her father, A. J. Nelson.

George Granger Jr., has enlisted in the army and is to report for duty April 15th. During his basic training Mrs. Granger and son will be at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jensen, at Hartwick Pines.

Mrs. Melvin Marshall entertained with a pinocle party on Friday evening. Miss Olga Nielsen held high score and Mrs. William Martin low.

Sgt. William Atwell arrived Saturday to spend a 30 day furlough with his sister, Mrs. Charles Barber and family. William, originally stationed in Texas has just returned after spending eight months in Korea.

Mrs. Hollie Luter and children, Bob, Phillip and Susanne and Miss Sandy Strong spent the week in Detroit visiting relatives.

South Branch

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bags were dispatched to the flood area and the local citizen's band radio club put out a cry for volunteers. By mid morning, the threatened homes had been surrounded with sandbags and the areas surrounding the homes pumped clear of the threatening water.

As of the present, the rising water seems to have crested, however forecasts of warmer weather and rains during the next few days could present greater problems for those residents of Crawford County who live adjacent to the river. Taylor said.

lives.

Miss Holly Piper arrived home Saturday morning from Ferry Hall school for girls, Lake Forest, Ill., to spend Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Piper.

Mrs. Willard Cornell and daughters Barbara and Nancy, Kay Ann LaMotte and Mrs. Alfred Sorenson and daughter Marcia went to Gagetown Saturday and Mrs. Cornell's mother, Mrs. Joseph Freeman, returned home with them for a visit. Mrs. Freeman had recently returned home after spending the winter in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strong were in Bay City on business the past weekend.

Weekend guests at the Charles Post home were their two sons and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. George Post of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Post of Cheboygan.

Al Leng is in Detroit after a new car for Leng's Garage, Frederic.

Warren Bindschattel from Cornuna visited his relatives in Frederic Saturday and Sunday.

46 YEARS AGO April 3, 1930

Mrs. Holger Schmidt and daughter, Marie, spent a few days in Flint last week.

Hans L. Peterson made a business trip to Saginaw the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Charles Adams and daughters spent a few days last week visiting relatives and friends in Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lydell entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ben Story and family of Elmira over the weekend.

Miss Beulah Bancroft has returned from a visit with friends in Hastings, where she had been for several weeks.

Louis Ingalls, who has been attending school in Mt. Pleasant returned home Friday and will remain in Grayling for the summer.

Mrs. Maxine Curtis and her daughter of Detroit have returned to Grayling after a few days there.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Ingalls and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Stephan left Wednesday morning for Independence, Mo., to visit relatives for three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Cowell of Sarnia, Ontario, have returned to their home after spending a few days with their cousins, John W. and Walter H. Cowell and wife in Grayling. George Granger, who is a student at Michigan State College in Lansing is enjoying a week's vacation in Grayling at the home of his mother, Mrs. Celia Granger and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ferguson have purchased the house now occupied by Herb Gothro and family.

65 YEARS AGO April 4, 1906

Mercury was down to six degrees above zero Sunday night.

Maple sugar making has started in several places in the county.

O. Milnes has given up the hotel at Frederic and is now in the same line at Vanderbilt.

At the annual meeting of the Grayling Opera House Co., recently, J. F. Hum was elected President, F. Navin, vice president and Frank Jorgenson, Manager.

R. Hanson and Nels Olson have returned from Louisiana, where they were on business for the Grayling Lumber Company.

Word has been received here of the death of Sam Hampstead, 80, at his home in Flint. Mr. Hampstead was one of the earliest settlers in Grayling, coming here about 50 years ago.

Audubon Society Meeting

We wish to form a local Chapter of the Michigan Audubon Society based on the four counties of the Kirtland Community College area (Crawford, Oscoda, Roscommon and Ogemaw.)

A meeting for the purpose of organization has been called for 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 8, 1976 at the Library of Kirtland Community College, Mr. Ken Horton, Chairman of the Chapter Relations Committee of the Michigan Audubon Society has supplied encouragement and guidelines for this undertaking.

We hope you can be present and bring any interested friends. For further information or any suggestions you care to make call:

Stuart E. Lawrence, Kirtland Community College, Rt. 4 - Box 59A, Roscommon, Mich. 48653, phone 517/275-5121; or Richard E. Olsen, P.O. Box 32, Luzerne, Mich. 48636, phone 517/826-5158.

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In 1620 aboard the ship Mayflower anchored off Cape Cod, Mass., forty-one men signed into being the first document in our history pertaining to the direction our nation would take. In the spirit of Bicentennial America, let us read again a version of that covenant preserved by William Bradford, second governor of Plymouth Colony.

"In ye name of God Amen. We whose names are underwritten, the loyal subjects of our dread sovereign Lord King James, by ye grace of God, of Great Brittain, France, & Ireland king, defender of ye faith, & c. Having undertaken, for ye glorie of God, and advancemente of ye Christian faith and honour of our king & countrie, a voyage to plant ye first colonie in ye Northern parts of Virginia, doe by these presents solemnly & mutually in ye presence of God, and one of another, covenant, & combine ourselves together into a Civill body politick; for our better ordering, & preservation & furtherance of ye ends aforesaid; and by vertue hereof to enacte, constitute, and frame such just & equall Lawes, ordinances, Acts, constitutions, & offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meete & convenient for ye generall good of ye colonie: unto which we promise all due submission and obedience. In witness whereof we have hereunder subscribed our names at Cap-Codd ye -11- of November, in ye year of ye raigne of our soveraigne Lord King James of England, France, & Ireland ye eighteenth, and of Scotland ye fiftie fourth. Ano Dom. 1620"

May we never forget the opening words of the first covenant which united our forefathers as they set foot on American soil: "In ye name of God Amen." These were men who knew by experience the "grace of God". These were men who were concerned about the defense and proclamation of the "Christian Faith". These were men who were constantly aware of the "presence of God", and

therefore set as their primary goal the "glory of God".

May God grant us a new generation of Americans who fear nothing or noone but God. A generation which has experienced the grace of God by confessing their sins before a Holy God. A generation which has experienced the Christian Faith by personally trusting Jesus Christ as their God and Savior. A generation which is willing to do all things for the glory of God. Such a generation began this country, and such a generation can restore it.

It is self-evident and obvious to most of us that the American Dream is growing dim. We see foreshadowed across American life a nightmare of impending despair and doom. Our only hope is for enough people like you and me to allow the Spirit of God to work through us in redirecting the moral and spiritual course of our nation.

Therefore, as American citizens let us join hands and hearts with the 41 men of the Mayflower Compact to pledge all that we have and all that we are to the glory of God, the defense and proclamation of the Christian Faith, and increased involvement in the moral and spiritual direction of democratic government upon these shores until Jesus Christ returns. (adv.)

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BPW Organizes In Grayling

The National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs established a local unit here on Wednesday, March 24th, when twenty-eight Grayling area ladies signed the Charter. Marlene Danol, of Northville, who is the State Expansion Chairman for Michigan, spoke briefly on the goals and purposes of the Club; Lorraine Washburne, of Petoskey, Director of District 3 (of which the Grayling Club will be a part), summarized the club program from the District level; Edith Peterson, of Cadillac, and President of the Sponsoring Club, conducted the meeting until local officers were elected. Those elected to office for the current year were: President, Roberta Wright; First Vice President, Eve Riker; Second Vice President, Linda Sabin; Recording Secretary, Catherine Stancil; Treasurer, Ellabelle Goodwin. Guests were present from Bellaire, Big Rapids, Cadillac, Manton, Northville and Petoskey.

The Club will be meeting on the first Thursday of each month and alternate between evening mee'gs and noon meetings. The next meeting will be this Thursday, April 1st, at 12:00 noon at the Holiday Inn. Any working woman who is interested in this organization is urged to attend this luncheon session.

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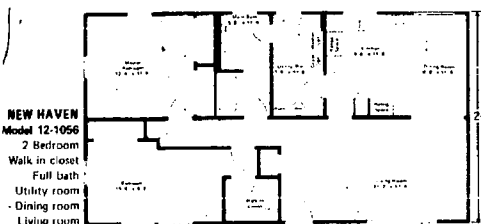
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Bits O' Talk

by Fay Bovee

Just to let you southern vacationers know that the robins are back and we'll be looking for your familiar faces soon. Call me for news when you arrive. Bruce and Corrine Smith were honored at a surprise housewarming on Friday evening in their new home off Evergreen Drive when about 100 friends dropped in. An enjoyable evening was spent visiting and eating a sumptuous lunch prepared by the co-hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Nicholas, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Branch, Mr. and Mrs. David Hawkins, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Duley. The Smiths were presented with a money gift. The Douglas Cornells of Houghton Lake and the Terry Smiths of Bellaire spent the weekend here coming for their parent's housewarming. John Harland is recovering from heart surgery which he had on March 16th in Petoskey. He was expected to return home the latter part of last week. P.J. You're home again!

Jehovah's To Meet

Jehovah's Witnesses from the Grayling congregation are planning to attend a two-day Christian assembly on April 10 and 11 at Holt. They will join delegates from all of Northern Michigan at the recently dedicated Assembly Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Glenn Moore overseer of the local congregation said the keynote address, "Are You Doing What God Requires of You?" will be delivered by John Casino on Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

OBITUARIES

Services Held For Sidney Robarge, 82

Sidney Robarge, 82, of AuSable Acres passed away Sunday, March 28th, at Mercy Hospital. He was born April 5, 1893 in Stern Siding, Michigan and had been a resident of Grayling for the past three years, moving here from Minnesota. He had also lived here for 25 years before moving to Minnesota.

Funeral services were to be held Wednesday at one o'clock at Sorenson Funeral Home with Rev. George Spencer officiating. Interment will be in Elmwood Cemetery.

Mr. Robarge is survived by his wife, Matilda; one son, William of Duluth, Minnesota; four daughters, Mrs. Josephine Chappel of Oxford, Mrs. Marge Newton of Montrose, Mrs. Ilene Hatfield of Grayling and Mrs. Loretta Janzan of Kelsey, Minnesota; 18 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; also, one sister, Mrs. Margaret Fairfield of Lansing.

Final Rites For Mrs. Viola Beck, 60

Mrs. Viola Beck, 60, of Barker Lake Rd., passed away at Mercy Hospital Thursday, March 25. She was born in Montmorency County March 17, 1916 and had been a resident of Grayling for 10 years, moving here from Roscommon, where she had lived for 20 years. She had also lived in Grayling before that.

Funeral services were held Monday at Sorenson Funeral Home at one o'clock with Rev. Otis Smith officiating and interment was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Beck is survived by four sons, Ronald Markby of Rawlins, Wyoming; David Markby of Metairie, Louisiana; Michael Beck of Hillman and Patrick Beck of Grayling; one brother, Albert Markby of Santa Barbara, California; two sisters, Mrs. Grace Denman of Holly and Mrs. Belle Walker of Grayling; also, four grandchildren. Her husband, Mervie, passed away in 1964.

Monday Services For Eva M. Barri, 52

Eva M. Barri, 52, of Roscommon died Thursday, March 25, at Mercy Hospital. She was born January 23, 1924 in Michigan.

Funeral services were held Monday at one-thirty at Sorenson Funeral Home in Roscommon with burial in St. Charles Memorial Gardens, St. Charles, Missouri.

Mrs. Barri is survived by three step-sons; one step-daughter; nine grandchildren; four brothers and two sisters.

Lovells News

by Ruth Caldwell

Mrs. Harriet (Bobbie) Hatfield returned home Tuesday after spending several weeks visiting her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Priest at Jacksonville, North Carolina.

The Cheerful Givers Club will meet Thursday evening at 8:00 at the club room. Bring scissors, potluck.

William T. Miller returned home after spending the winter with his nephew and family in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Spencer spent a few days visiting relatives in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Doby hosted the party Saturday evening. Prizes were won by Elsie Kearney, Virginia Parker, John Doby, Gary Richards and Andy Parker. Mr. and Mrs. Whitey Nichols will have the party this Saturday.

Frederic News

by Arlene Kesby

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hagga-done returned home on March 17th. While on their vacation they stopped at Corpus Christi, Texas and visited Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Fall and family who were formerly of Frederic.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cagle of Washington, Mich. spent the weekend at their trailer.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rivers celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary on March 20th. And we also would like to welcome them to our community.

Frederic Hobby Club

The Frederic Hobby Club met March 25th at the home of Helma Post, with six members present.

Our Mother & Daughter Banquet will be held May 6th.

For Girls State, we are sending Cindy Schlaack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Schlaack of Lovells. The alternate is Debbie Boffman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boffman of Lovells.

The door prize was won by Becky Baynham.

The next meeting will be April 8th, at the home of Uppy Graham.

A.B.W.A. News

March is membership month for the American Business Women's Association and the Grayling Chapter of ABWA welcomed six guests to dinner on March 16th for their regular meeting. The theme was "Bi-Centennial" and the decorations and dress of some of the members were in keeping.

The meeting was called to order by our President, Jini Hindmarsh. Invocation was given by Betty Bennett. Our guests were Mary Ann Reynolds, Barbara McDowell, Connie Vaughn, Doris Lowe, Jeanette Millard and Mary Kelly.

Following dinner a skit was presented, "The Light in the Loft" concerning what our "Founding Mothers" may have thought about women's rights in 1776. Norma Naour was narrator and Elaine Harland, Marie Akers, Cathy Bloomquist, Helen Johnson, Marty Reichelderfer, Pam Steele and Betty Bennett were the cast.

Our Birthday girls were Dula Fitzpatrick and Edith Breckow. Elaine Harland, our Program Chairman, reported that the speaker for our April meeting will be Ms. Linda Hartwig, Fashion Coordinator for Millikin's Department store in Traverse City. It sounds great and we hope all our members will turn out. Now that spring is here the "weather" will be no excuse for absence.

Reports from Standing Committees were given. Scrapbook Chairman Dula Fitzpatrick asked for more pictures. Bulletin Chairman Eunice Schreiber asked for ideas for or against a new Bulletin cover. The Membership Chairman, Carol Miller, offered membership applications to interested guests and in Banquet Chairman Phyllis Sauter's absence (Phyllis is enjoying the sunshine in the south) announced that the April meeting would be held at the Grayling House.

Education Chairman Marie Akers gave a brief resume of the ABWA scholarships for the benefit of our guests.

Elaine Harland reported for Jackie Ruddy on plans for Boss Night on May 18th and passed out the forms for selecting the Boss of the Year. All members are urged to fill these out and get them back to Jackie as soon as possible. Also remind your boss that he will be your honored guest that night. Judging from last year's turnout the "bosses" really enjoy the evening.

Mary Noa, Chairman of the Woman of the Year Committee, passed out the forms for that event. Again, all members should fill these out and get them to Mary soon.

Under new business we discussed ABWA participation in the upcoming Milltown Festival. Jini Hindmarsh again volunteered her services and her back yard for building our float. Last year we had as much fun building it as having it in the parade - come on gals - volunteer to help - and do it!

There was some discussion concerning the Regional ABWA meeting on April 23, 24 and 25 in Dearborn. At this writing there are four members planning to attend.

Betty Bennett
Publicity Chairman

W.O.T.M. News

The meeting of March 1st was called to order by Jr. Regent Janice Miller as Sr. Regent Dorothy Slusser was out of the city. All officers were present except Chaplain Protem Marian Day and Jr. Graduate Regent Protem Lucille Tetling. There was one enrollment, Judith Evert, sponsor Velda Stephenson. Congratulations, Janice, on a job well done.

The March 15th meeting was called to order by Sr. Regent Dorothy Slusser with all officers present except Chaplain Protem Patsy Lawe. Marian Day filled the chair of Jr. Regent. The membership balloted on five new members, ballot was favorable.

The Chapter sent for Collegiate Wilma Sunday's Red Stole. We will hold the Investing Ceremony of the Red Stole on July 5th.

On March 28th, we held enrollment of the following new members - Emily Robinson, Shirley Fender, Sponsor, Lillian King; Barbara Apps, Sponsor, Janice Miller; Janice Wales, Mary Jane Weaver, Sponsor, Lucille Tetling; Dorothy Williams, Sponsor, Wilma Sunday. This was an open meeting with friends watching our meeting. After the meeting everyone enjoyed a potluck dinner with everyone from the pool tournament joining in.

We have a sad note to pass on to all co-workers and friends. We lost one of our co-workers, Eva Barri, who succumbed to cancer. Once more our circle has been broken. Her struggle in life is over, let our co-worker rest in peace.

The officers of the Women of the Moose held a service at the Chapel Sunday evening, March 28th, at 8:00 p.m.

Publicity chairman,
Dorothy Schweitzer

Calendar of Events

- April 3: Spring Fashion Show & Luncheon by St. Mary's Altar Society at Chief Shoppengon's Motor Hotel, 11:30 a.m.
- April 8: Sr. Citizen potluck at AuSable Acres, Frederic area. Sr. Citizens will meet at the Center at 6 p.m. Program follows.
- May 1: Rummage and Benefit Sale for RIF (Reading is Fundamental), 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Middle School Gym. Anyone interested in donating their time or items, please call 348-5022.

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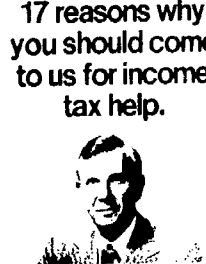
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2. Mill Town Really	34
3. Pine Aire Motel	30
4. R & H Sports	30
5. Kozy Korner	29
6. Lovells Bar	29
7. Coe's Market	24 1/2
8. Bill's Laundry	24
9. Lone Pine Inn	22 1/2
10. Bay City Times	22
11. Union 76	22
12. Glen's Market	22
13. Colonial Motel	21
14. Arrowhead Inn	14
15. Grayling Bank	13
16. Legion Lanes	9
High Series: J. Trenary, 542; M. Coe, 513; N. Fraser, 504; M. Reed, 502.	
High Game: J. Trenary, 232; M. Reed, 208; J. Campbell, 194; N. Fraser, 189.	

Postal Exam To Be Given

James Baker, Grayling Postmaster, announced today that an examination will be given to establish an eligible register for the position of Substitute Rural Carrier of Record.

Future vacancies at the Grayling Post Office for this position will be filled from this register. Applications may be picked up at the Grayling Post Office from March 15th through April 15th. Place of examination will be Grayling, Michigan.

National League, 1st Division

1. Holiday	18
2. Tarpon	18
3. Larry & Joan's	16
4. Red Barn	15
5. Gambles	15
6. Hotel	14
7. Carlisle's	13
8. Auto Clinic	11
High Series: L. Davis, 585; R. Mudge, 565; T. Brooks, 538.	
High Game: L. Davis, 223 & 215; R. Mudge, 212.	

National League, 2nd Division

1. R & H Sports	28
2. Caid's Grocery	24 1/2
3. Wuerfel's Standard	21
4. Cornell Ins.	20
5. Grayling V.W.	19
6. Legion Lanes	18
7. Union 76	15 1/2
8. General Telephone	14
High Series: F. Schramm, 592; E. Norman, 564; H. Baker, 543.	
High Game: E. Schramm, 220; E. Brown, 209; E. Norman, 207.	

American League, 1st Division

1. Sawyer's Tree Serv.	21
2. Seyfert's	20
3. Legion	20
4. Uncle Al's	20
5. Millikin's	20
6. Bear Archery	19
7. Clair's	19
8. Rochettes	16
High Series: L. Davis, 599; R. King, 587; R. Klann, 569.	
High Game: R. King, 242; L. Davis, 236; R. Klann, 233.	

American League, 2nd Division

1. Union 76	29
2. Parker Surveying	27
3. Wiltse Carpet Serv.	25
4. Scheer Motors	24
5. LP Plastics #1	23
6. LP Plastics #2	23
7. Moose Lodge	23
8. Mercy Hospital	14
High Game: N. Parker, 209; J. Wiltse, 208; G. Huff, 198.	
High Series: J. Linendoll, 551; N. Parker, 539; J. Ely Sr., 501.	

Triangle League

1. Wee 3	132
2. Russ' Dry Wall	128 1/2
3. Pine Aire Motel	124
4. Glen's Blue	119 1/2
5. Weaver's Milltown	114
6. Milltown Cafe	114
7. Glen's Red	106 1/2
8. Glen's Bag Boys	67 1/2
High Game: P. Faustman, 245; T. Ockerman, 223; D. Campbell, 201.	
High Series: P. Faustman, 557; D. Campbell, 542; H. King & W. Larkin, 519.	

Pioneer League

1. Cornell Agency	36
2. Al's Gals	33
3. Vaughn's Sunoco	31
4. Dawson's	29 1/2
5. McLean's Pro Mart	24
6. Sorenson's Agency	23 1/2
7. Avalanche	21
8. Millikin Const.	10
High Series: C. Benson, 510; D. Anthony, 491; E. Helsel, 488.	
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Hold World Conference

Leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) are in Utah this weekend attending the annual world conference of the Mormon Church.

Robert C. Witt, President of the Midland, Michigan Stake and Carlos M. Bowman, Bishop of the Midland Ward, are both attending the conference held on April 3, 4, 5 and 6 in Salt Lake City.

World Conferences are held twice each year by the Mormon Church, during the first week in April and in October. Channel 9 will show the conference at 12:30 p.m. in this area on Sunday, April 4th.

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ALMANACK

Richard Milliman



College cuts staff, tuition fees

In the wake of general public disfavor with increased school millages, as exhibited in several special millage elections around the state, harassed educational planners might well look to a small college in New Hampshire for psychological sustenance if not actual guidance.

At Franconia College in New Hampshire, tuition and room-and-board both will be reduced next year, by a whopping 12 percent — whopping by recent inflationary standards, at any rate.

How come? According to an article in the Wall Street Journal, the cut is made possible by "a radical reorganization that has slashed the administrative staff 40 percent and put the college president to work washing dishes at the dining hall every Monday evening."

Not only does the administrative staff pitch in but students do, too. On a voluntary, unpaid basis, students are staffing the kitchen, ordering food, cooking meals, operating the student bookstore, keeping the college's books with minimal professional supervision and assistance, and even hit the road meetings with high school students and thus handling most of the college's recruiting activities.

President Ira Goldenberg says he hopes the tuition cut and reorganization will help attract students of more modest means and help the college break even financially.

"But the most important thing is that we want to start taking the concept of community seriously," President Goldenberg says. "We want to take participatory democracy seriously and it doesn't mean just voting. It means taking responsibility for making sure that your society works on a day-to-day basis."

The Franconia plan also provides students with some real nuts-and-bolts work experiences.

"Work is an essential part of the learning process, particularly when those working participate in the decision making of the enterprise," Goldenberg says.

Franconia students helped develop the plan, voted overwhelmingly to adopt it, and are voluntarily doing everything from snow removal to plumbing repairs, Goldenberg said.

The whole idea sounds fascinating — at least from a long way off. Franconia College has a reputation for the innovative, as I recall; it seems to me the college had a 21-year-old president not too long ago, for example.

But in any event, there's a will to cut expenses, there's a way, as Franconia College is exhibiting.

It had goes to worse down at the local schools — as well it might in view of increasing taxpayer reluctance to approve school millages — then maybe you will find your friendly school superintendent dishing up the goulash in the hot lunch line.

Changing pace, hopefully without stripping our gears...

Something is haywire with the system, it seems to me, when a special interest spokesman like Ellen McCormack, a New York woman, who is strongly opposed to abortion, can dip into the taxpayers pockets for \$100,000 to help finance her message.

Ellen McCormack is a bona fide candidate for President, and as such has been declared eligible for federal matching campaign funds of \$100,000, under a Federal Election Commission ruling.

Although I personally agree wholeheartedly with the McCormack campaign against abortion, I also think giving her campaign taxpayer money as a presidential candidate is ludicrous.

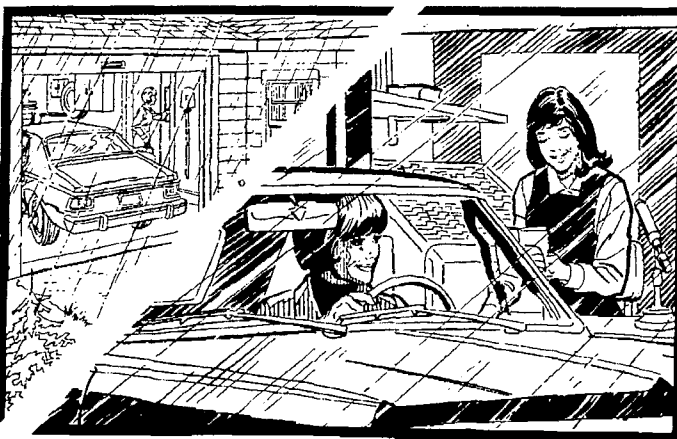
A bona fide candidate for President? Horsefeathers.

But then, why should tax dollars be filtered into the campaigns efforts of such short-term presidential candidates as Milton Shepp, or Lloyd Bensten, or Birch Bayh?

As a matter of fact, why should tax dollars be shoveled into any presidential campaigns — or gubernatorial campaigns, either?

But that's the law, and in my book it's bad law.

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Altogether now, unorganize

These words are being typed the morning after St. Patrick's Day on the 18th day of the 3rd month of this Bicentennial year. Which seems an appropriate time to confess to my 2 most grievous sins, currently:

1. Although my lineage is 100% Irish all the way back to the Old Sod, I do nothing whatsoever to celebrate St. Pat's Day.

2. Although I think this is a fine nation and I wouldn't live anywhere else, I don't give a hoot about its 200th birthday.

Some might say this makes me a traitor twice, to my ethnic group and to my nation. I plead not guilty. I might plead guilty to being an eccentric, even a curmudgeon. But sentence me to 30 days for a misdemeanor, please. Don't hang me without a hearing.

When the mood is right, my eyes mist at the singing of the Star Spangled Banner. I bawled outright when Jose Feliciano sang it with a rock beat in Tiger Stadium in 1968, the glorious year our guys won the World Series. Which is a tip-off to my hang-up. Most people were outraged at the sacrilege. But I overflowed at the privilege of living in a nation where a blind Puerto Rican was able to do his thing in center field, with no shots fired from right or left.

Likewise, there is nothing I enjoy more than drinking too much and signing McNamara's Band too loud. But another tip-off is I'd rather do it because the company is right. My sister Terrible Jean is leading the chorus with great swoops of her long arms, and some Jewish fellow is picking up the tab. Not because it's March 17.

It is true it is a fine thing to be Irish, and a grand thing to be a U.S. citizen. But it is also true an excess of nationalism often leads to barroom brawls — or wars. I like my pride lit from a spontaneous spark. I love a parade that starts because the music sets feet to

marching. Not because the calendar says today is the day to put the flag out.

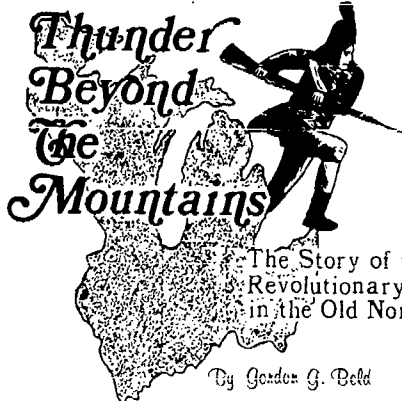
Today's mail brought me a handsome, 400-page book titled "Comprehensive Calendar of Bicentennial Events — East of the Mississippi." It is the 3rd such book I've received from the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration in Washington. It tells me such marvelous things as the dates of the Norris Dogwood Trail Festival in Norris, Tenn., and there'll be an Arts & Crafts display April 24 in Poquoson, Virginia. I certainly hope my busy schedule will allow me to attend both events.

Such books are being delivered to most newspaper offices in the U.S. As a semi-printer, I know the publishing costs must run into the millions of dollars. As an ex-mailman, I know the delivery costs are enough to hire sufficient postal employees to deliver a 13-cent letter from New York to California in one day. They could line up and hand it across the nation.

And as an ex-editor I know those books will never be read by anyone. They are a total waste of money. I would like to celebrate the Bicentennial by spending that money to feed hungry kids, or fill chuckholes, or buy one-way tickets to the moon for the numskulls in Washington responsible for such incredible foolishness.

If the numskulls should ever escape back to Washington, they should be drowned the next March 17th in all the lousy green beer which wasn't consumed because St. Patrick's Day was cancelled. The Irish should skip the saloons and simply go to church, or kneel at home, and pray for an unorganized life.

Birthdays and holidays should not be observed in close-order drill. Everyone fall out and smoke 'em if you got 'em.



The Story of the Revolutionary War in the Old Northwest

By Gordon G. Belld

By the time that historians got around to writing about the Revolutionary War conflicts between Northwest Indians and frontiersmen at what is now Wheeling, W. Va., the facts had become somewhat obscured.

Details of the Indian sieges of Fort Henry on the site of Wheeling were eventually obtained long after the events transpired from witnesses — whose hazy memories produced accounts that were exaggerated in some respects and confused in others.

Thus, while it appears certain that there was significant action during the war at this settlement on the Ohio River, just what it was that happened as well as the dates involved and the identity of the participants are matters of less certainty.

It seems that there were two — and maybe three or more — assaults on Fort Henry, a stock-

ade that was first known as Fort Finckle when it was erected in 1774. It was renamed to honor Virginia Governor Patrick Henry in 1776.

There is agreement that the first of the attacks by red men on Fort Henry came in 1777, shortly after the murder of Shawnee Chief Cornstalk, his son and two other Indians by rebel soldiers. And there is little, if any, dispute that there was another in 1782. That conflict is generally regarded as the last battle of the revolution.

But the date, or dates, of another siege, or sieges, at Fort Henry during the war are debatable. Some authorities infer that there was one in 1778; others mention an attack in 1781.

Most of those who described the altercations at Wheeling recalled some kind of dramatic leap from a cliff by someone to escape from the Indians. Several witnesses assert that Andrew Zane, who was in a party that was surprised by the Indians in 1777, leaped from a cliff to get away. One said the cliff was 70 feet high; another was content to describe it as being of "considerable height."

Several historians relate another impressive leap — this one on horseback by Major Samuel McCulloch — but there is much speculation about when, and if, it was made.

In his "Winning of the West," Theodore Roosevelt says that McCulloch was riding to the assistance of those besieged at Fort Henry when he was hemmed in on the edge of "an almost perpendicular slope, some 300 feet high." (Another historian gives the height as 150 feet, and a third says it was 100.) The Indians were sure that he couldn't escape and wanted to take him alive, so they didn't shoot. Roosevelt vividly describes what happened next:

"Wheeling short round, he sat back in his saddle, shifted his rifle into his right hand, reined in his steed and spurred him over the brink. The old horse never faltered, but plunged headlong down the steep, boulder-covered, cliff-broken slope. Good luck, aided by the wonderful skill of the rider and the marvelous strength and sure-footedness of his steed, rewarded, as it deserved, one of the most daring feats of horsemanship of which we have any record. There was a crash, the shock of a heavy body, half springing, half falling — a scramble among loose rocks, and the snapping of sapplings and bushes; and in another moment the awe-struck Indians saw their unarmed foe, galloping his gallant white horse in safety across the plain."

There's another impressive incident, alleged to have occurred at a siege of Wheeling during the war. This one involved a woman. Some say it was in 1777, but if it happened it probably was in 1782. The heroine is generally identified as Betty Zane, but Roosevelt isn't sure whether it was she or Molly Scott.

Whoever it was, she carried gunpowder, according to Roosevelt, "from the stockade to an outlying log house defended by four men." Most others contend that the woman carried the powder into the fort from a house outside. At any rate, Miss Zane (or Scott) in 1777 (or 1782) carried the powder out of (or into) the fort unscathed by the shots of the attackers.

When Mrs. Joseph Drennon fled from her cabin to the fort in 1777, she is said to have carried an infant child but in her haste left behind an adopted son. She sped back, wrapped him in a feather bed and dashed back to the stockade with him. Several bullets fired by Indians reportedly lodged in the bed, but neither Mrs. Drennon nor the boy were hurt.

Mrs. Drennon recalled later that during the siege several women made bullets in trying pans, and two of them joined the men in firing from the gunports. She added, however, that "the men complained that the women kept so in their way looking out the portholes, they couldn't do a thing."

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my dear husband and father, Meshach H. Bowers, who passed away one year ago April 4, 1975.

It broke our hearts to lose you But you did not go alone; For part of us went with you The day God called you home. We cannot bring the old days back.

Your hands we cannot touch; But we shall never lose the memory of the one we loved so much.

Sadly missed by wife, Dorothy and sons, Robert, Bill, Meshach Jr. and David.

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Thursday: Chop Suey, Hot Rolls with Butter, Fruit.
Friday: Sloppy Joes, Pickles, Vegetable, Pudding.
Menu is served with all meals. Menu is subject to change without notice.

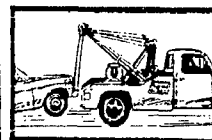
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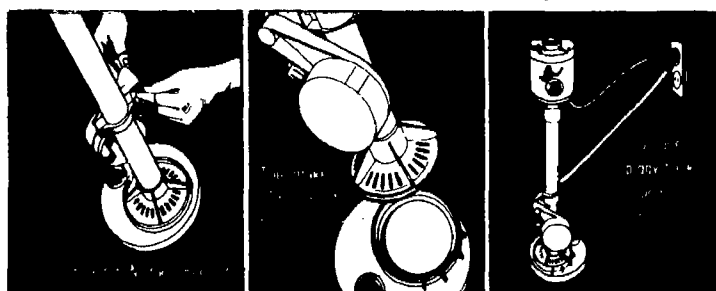
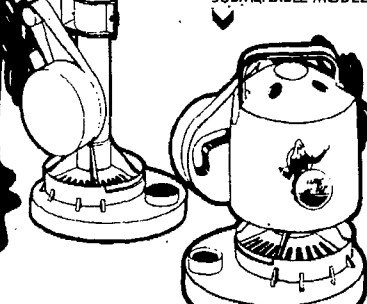
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Leona Bailey and Family

Twp. Meeting

The annual meeting of Bear Lake Township will be held on April 3, 1976 at 2:00 p.m. at the Bear Lake Community Center.

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Three years ago the chemical P.B.B. was mixed by mistake in feeds and grains led to all farm animals.

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The original error of contamination through feeds was almost unforgivable, but to let it continue is deplorable, for God's sake do something down there in Lansing NOW.

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Write to: Gov. William Milliken, State of Michigan and Rep. Ralph Ostling, 103rd District, and put in your two cents worth, unless of course you are not interested in the future.

Legal Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN

In the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford Elizabeth Mills, Plaintiff vs. Roger C. Mills, Defendant.

Now comes David R. Sabin, Attorney for Plaintiff, Elizabeth Mills, being first duly sworn, on oath and says that he is the Attorney for the Plaintiff in the above entitled cause, and, though affiant has made diligent inquiry to learn defendant's place of residence, he has been unable to ascertain in what state the said Defendant resides.

David R. Sabin

Attorney for Plaintiff

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of March, 1976.

Beverly C. Small, Notary Public

Crawford County, Michigan

My Commission Expires: 9/23/78

ORDER TO ANSWER

On the 14th day of January, 1976, an action was filed by Elizabeth Mills, Plaintiff against Roger C. Mills, Defendant, in this court to dissolve the bonds of Matrimony between Plaintiff and Defendant.

It is hereby ordered that the Defendant, Roger C. Mills, address unknown, shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 21st day of April, 1976.

Failure to comply with this order will result in a judgment by default against such Defendant for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this court.

Dated: March 18, 1976

Honorable William A. Porter

Circuit Judge

25-1-8-15-22

Legal Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN

In the Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

Estate of Clinton W. Wood, Deceased.

NOTICE OF INITIAL PROCEEDINGS, NOTICE TO CREDITORS, AND NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO PERSONS ENTITLED TO ESTATE

TAKE NOTICE: On April 23, 1976, at 11:00 a.m. in the Probate Courtroom, Grayling, Michigan 49738, a hearing will be held before Judge Emil L. Kraus, on the petition of Roger B. Wood of Pontiac, Michigan, for probate of a purported Will dated January 14, 1970, heretofore admitted to probate in the State of Florida, and granting ancillary administration, with Will annexed, to National Bank of Detroit, a national banking association of Detroit, Michigan, with offices at 611 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan or some other suitable person.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate must be presented said National Bank of Detroit at 611 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, and proof thereof filed with the Court on or before June 25, 1976.

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned to persons appearing of record entitled thereto.

Dated: March 26, 1976.

Mr. Rodger B. Wood

Petitioner

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by /s/ Richard J. Meyers

Attorney for Petitioner

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Bits O' Talk

by Fay Bovee

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dawson of Lake City spent last week in Grayling, visiting their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Devere Dawson, and Jack Feldhauser, who is still hospitalized at Mercy Hospital. Gayle was on vacation from school in Lake City, where she teaches.

Chris and Paul Sojka of MSU returned to East Lansing the first part of the week after spending the term break with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sojka.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wakeley spent the weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bixler, in Westland.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Wert have returned after spending two and one half weeks vacationing. They went first to St. Petersburg, Fla., and on their return trip spent some time in Dayton, Ohio, visiting friends. Dena Bovee, of Ann Arbor, and friend, Bill Reed, of Jackson, spent the weekend at Boyne Mountain with the Ann Arbor Ski Club and stopped at her parents for dinner on their return trip on Sunday.

The Cy Houles and Dick Hamlin spent two weeks in Florida. While there, they visited and had dinner with the Herb Holmes, Lewis Stillwagons and Fred Martindales. On the way home, they visited Mrs. Hamlin's brother and family, the George Weiss' at Burlington, North Carolina.

Debra J. Post just returned from a cruise to the Bahamas aboard the Bon Vivant and spent a weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morden Post, in Punta Gorda, Florida. While she was there, they celebrated Mr. Post's birthday.

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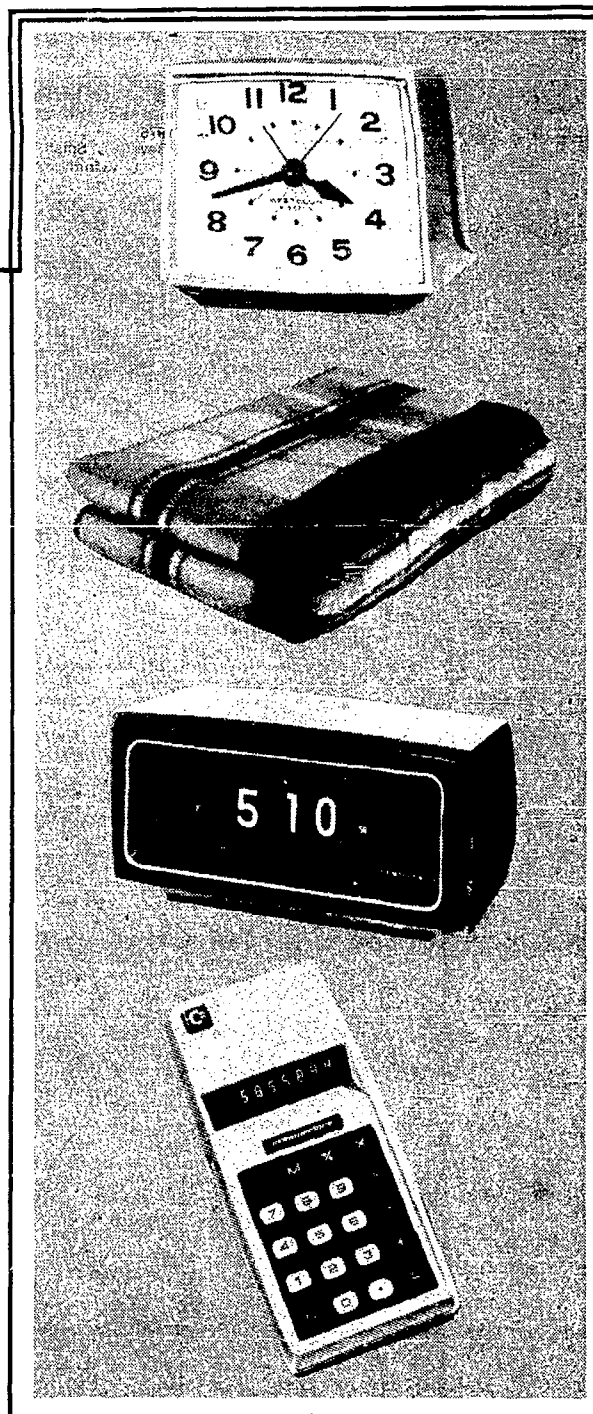
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EDITOR'S MAILBOX

To the Editor:
Dear Writery,
When I received my tax bill in December and discovered that 70% of what I paid in taxes was designated for local schools, I wanted to know that the schools were spending this money wisely and frugally. In an effort to determine this, I have spent a great deal of time asking questions of the people who are responsible for this spending, and of the people who keep the records. I have read budgets, audits, contracts and have done a lot of calculation.
One of the first things I discovered is that the figures are very confusing to analyze because there is no direct comparison between the school budget, the school income, the school expenditures and the school audit. Nor is there any comparison of income and expenditures from one year to another. Another source of confusion is that the school fiscal year does not correspond with the fiscal year of the government entities: federal, state and local which are the sources of the major amount of money available to the schools. Most school funds come from local taxes on real estate. There is state aid to special projects as well as the general Bursley bill aid. Federal aid is mostly the distribution of funds through state agencies.
The figures from different sources produce conflicting results. The annual audit is in a different form from the budget and the Form B listing which goes to the State Board of Education, is in yet another form. There are many different accounts: besides the general operating fund, there are 3 building-and-site funds, 3 or 4 debt retirement funds, and some revolving funds. In spite of all this, I would like to tell you some of what I have discovered about the finances of our Crawford-AuSable school district.
Concerning the general operating fund, the budget offered by the superintendent and accepted by the Board of Education increased \$544,490 from 1974-75 to 1975-76. The budget for the former year was - \$1,828,029. 90% of this was expected from local taxes and state aid. In that year the operating revenues actually were \$2,195,066. The total expenditures were \$2,308,138. This left a deficit of \$113,072. BUT the general fund ended the fiscal year with an equity balance of \$193,136. This is incredible financing: to take in more than

is expected, to spend more than is taken in, and to have money left in the bank.
One explanation offered for this remarkable record is that the fiscal year of the county, which collects and provides the tax money, is 6 months out of phase with the fiscal year of the school. The millage amounts payable by the taxpayer in calendar 1974 are different from those payable in 1975. Those paid in 1975 are not known in April 1974 when the budget is made. Besides that, tax money paid to the school between January and May (as it is collected from the taxpayer) must be considered PREPAID funding to be used by the schools after June 1 to operate schools in JHEIR next fiscal year. The delinquent tax factor is another difficulty.
From the general fund, 75% goes to salaries, including social security, retirement, insurance funds. This means salaries for everyone employed by the school system: teachers, aides, administrators, secretaries, bus drivers and maintenance personnel. The number of people employed and in what positions, and the salary schedules are not readily available from the audit figures. Plant operation gets 9.5%, transportation gets 7.9%, administration gets 3.5% and the rest is spread over student services, health, plant maintenance and all the rest of school operations.
School accounting is divided into several headings. Elementary school expenditures are separate from secondary school amounts; instruction, administration, plant operation and plant maintenance are all separate accounts. Hence it is not possible to determine from the presented figures how much it costs to run the high school or any specific building. There are salary, teaching supplies, texts, library costs, and incidental expenses all listed under Instruction. The costs of operating the building are lumped with costs of other buildings and indistinguishable by themselves. From 1974-75 to 1975-76 the budget estimate for heating went up \$5000, but there is no way to tell how much was spent in which building. The estimate of electricity costs rose \$25,000. The amounts actually spent for any one building would have to be determined by an invoice inventory.
I have more to tell you in another letter.
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Notice of Public Hearing

The Crawford County Rural Zoning Board will hold a public hearing April 22, 1976 at 8:00 p.m. in the court room of the county building to consider the rezoning from R-3 to C-2 or Planned Development of the following described property:

Part of the NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 19 T28N R1W Commencing at the NE corner of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 19. Thence N 83 degrees 02 minutes West along the E & W 1/4 line 218 feet to the point of beginning. Thence S 0 degrees 26 minutes East 328.5 feet. Thence N 83 deg. 02 minutes West 102 feet. Thence N 0 degrees 26 minutes West 328.5 feet. Thence S 83 degrees 02 minutes East 102 feet to the point of beginning.

If further information is desired, contact the Zoning Director at the County Building.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Schaibly, Secretary

TO THE RESIDENTS OF GRAYLING TOWNSHIP:

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that there will be a public hearing at the City Hall, 103 James Street, Grayling, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., April 6, 1976, of the Township Planning Commission on rezoning in Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan.
The following change of zoning will be considered:

CASE NO. 76-1—Cornell Realty Inc., applicant, has requested rezoning of property located at the NE corner of Wilcox Bridge Road and North Down River Road, and described as: the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 33, T 27 N, R 3 W, from present zoning classification of R-A to R-3 for the purpose of subdividing or such other purpose as is permitted by such proposed new zoning.

Tentative text and zoning map may be examined at the Township Office during regular business hours.

ELIZABETH H. WIELAND
Township Clerk

County Board of Commissioners Minutes

Regular meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners held in the Court House in the City of Grayling on the 8th day of March 1976.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Kauffman.
Invocation by Chairman Kauffman.
Roll Call. Kenneth Carlisle, Rolla Failing, Patrick Harwood, Fred Kauffman, Joseph LaGrow, Edward Lowrie—All Present. Dean Welch—Absent.

MOTION by LaGrow, second by Lowrie, that the minutes of the February meeting be approved as read. Roll Call. All Aye. Carried.
RESOLUTIONS REPORT by LaGrow. Resolution in regard to a National Cemetery in the State of Michigan was tabled until the April meeting.

WHEREAS on the 26th day of February, 1976, 59 County Commissioners and delegates representing 26 counties, met in joint session at the Crawford County Courthouse in Grayling, Michigan to discuss the discriminatory burden placed on the property owner for school financing aid, and

WHEREAS we feel that the Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch of the Michigan State Government has made Welfare and Social Services their number one and two priorities, and

WHEREAS the Executive Branch and Legislative Branch of the Michigan State Government has lowered education to their third priority, and

WHEREAS the Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch of the Michigan State Government has delegated an unequal share of the school financing of all K through 12 grade education, and WHEREAS the property owner cannot continue to carry this burden, so that a property tax rebellion is very evident,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Governor of the State of Michigan along with the leaders of the State Senate and the State House of Representatives be made responsible to study and propose before the end of the legislative session of 1976, a new way to finance K-12 education. So that, the state school financing be such, that the burden of K-12 education be placed on the shoulders of all taxable people not just property owners,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in all studies the property tax millage be determined by the county allocation committee or a voted fixed millage and that the property tax millage of any county for operational purposes of any school district, cannot exceed 10 mills regardless of the State Equalized Valuation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the 4% sales tax be restored as prior to first day of 1975 by referendum.

MOTION by Lowrie, second by Harwood, to support the resolution submitted by Michigan Northern Counties Association after the last paragraph is stricken. Roll Call. All Aye. Carried.
CORRESPONDENCE was read as follows.

1. Application for permit to place trout habitat improvement structures on North Branch AuSable River, T27N, R1W & T28N R2W, Lovells Township, was received from Troy Yoder, Regional Manager, DNR.

2. State Treasury Department announced that Emil E. Tahvonen has been appointed Director of Local Government Audit Division, effective February 9, 1976.

3. Purvis Brothers, Traverse City, have a sound-slide film presentation regarding disposal of solid waste. They will be invited to the Northern Counties meeting on March 25, where 38 counties will be represented.

4. MESC announced "Job Opportunity Line" — 15 minute television program each Saturday at 2:30 p.m. on Channel 11 in Alpena. Job openings and job training services in Northeast Michigan will be presented.

5. Notice was given that, effective March 17, there will be no further unemployment service at Grayling.

MOTION by Lowrie, second by Harwood, that this Board inquire about the possibility of a MESC office being located in Crawford County, and send letters to Downtown Merchants Association and Chamber of Commerce to solicit their input. Roll Call. All Aye. Carried.

6. Department of the Army announced upcoming public meetings on the extension of the navigation season for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway.

7. Letter from Arthur Lozon, Maple Forest Township Supervisor, to Larry Hunter regarding the increase in tentative factor to 1.60.

8. Larry Hunter, Equalization Director, replied to Mr. Lozon that the preliminary study for Equalization purposes was done by the State Tax Commission. Final average ratio that each unit will have will not be completed until first part of April, when figures will be dispensed to each unit.

9. Discussion was held on a delinquent Drug Lab bill in the amount of \$194.10 County Clerk informed the Board that there is correspondence with United Laboratories regarding this bill.

10. Crawford County Road Commission advised that the Board of Commissioners' approval is needed on the salary and mileage schedule for the Road Commission. Per Diem is \$20.00/\$40.00 and mileage is 15c presently.

11. Northeast Michigan Region minutes were filed.

12. Municipal Employees Retirement System gave notice of next quarterly payment of 7,460.75.

13. District Health Department #1 asked for an appointment to the Substance Abuse Advisory Council. Joe LaGrow has finished a one year term.

MOTION by Harwood, second by Carlisle, to reappoint Joe LaGrow to the Substance Abuse Advisory Council for one more year. Roll Call. All Aye. Carried.

14. Notice of application for permit from Top O'Michigan Rural Electric to construct a 4" steel conduit crossing to facilitate future power line installations crossing the Manistee River was received.

15. Senator Robert Davis advised that he will introduce a bill to the end that the 1976 Presidential Preferential Primary Election will not be a cost to the taxpayers.

16. Copy of letter written by Chairman Kauffman to Governor Milliken strongly urged the defeat of House Bill #5863 which would remove the planning and implementation of the present Public Service Employment programs from local Manpower Consortia to MESC.

MOTION by Lowrie, second by LaGrow, to adopt a resolution in opposition to House Bill #5863. Roll Call. All Aye. Carried.

WHEREAS Recently, Representative F. Robert Edwards introduced House Bill #5863 which would remove the planning and implementation of the present Public Service Employment programs from the local Manpower Consortia to the Michigan Employment Security Commission.

WHEREAS the manpower problems in our rural area are quite different from those of urban areas and cannot be wisely planned for by officials unfamiliar with and geographically removed from the area.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, We strongly urge the defeat of such legislation as it would remove local control and planning of public service monies from the county level. We on the county level are much more aware of our local needs than a bureaucracy in Detroit, and thus, better able to plan to meet those needs. Administrative costs incurred by M.E.S.C. would be much higher than presently expended on the local level and the programs could not possibly be administered as efficiently.

MOTION by Lowrie, second by Harwood, to voice strong opposition to House Bill 4234—Land Use Bill—and send copy of our action to the Governor and our representatives. Roll Call. All Aye. Carried.

WHEREAS House Bill No. 4234 pertaining to land use is currently before the House Appropriation Committee, and WHEREAS this Bill will require that the local Government lose control of Zoning and Planning at the local level of Government, and

WHEREAS this state land use commission will create a tremendous increased tax burden on a state budget that it already overspent, and

WHEREAS should this bill become law an individual would suffer a great financial loss should he desire to appeal a decision of this commission, and

WHEREAS it appears that the State of Michigan is attempting to eliminate local Government control with Legislation such as this Land Use Bill, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Crawford County Board of Commissioners go on record as being STRONGLY OPPOSED to House Bill 4234 and demand that our State Legislators vote against this legislation and that they encourage their fellow legislators to vote against this legislation.

A copy of this resolution to be sent to Governor Milliken, Senator Davis, Representative Ostling and all Boards of County Commissioners.

17. Northeast Michigan Manpower Consortium commended Rolla Failing for diligent and valuable services as a member of the Administrative Board. His acceptance of responsibility and attendance at meetings was commended.

18. Expenditures by the Veterans Administration for Crawford County during 1975 totaled \$330,511.

19. Michigan DNR gave notice that pre-applications for funds for acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation lands and facilities on a 50% matching basis will be available March 1, 1976. Application has been made for Wakeley Bridge.

20. Personnel Committee will meet with any employee of the County on the last Monday of each month.

21. Michigan Veterans Trust Fund accepted reluctantly the resignation of Leo E. Lovely as the American Legion member of the Crawford County committee. They expressed appreciation for the time, energy, judgment and understanding which he has given to the veterans since his original appointment—April 1947.

22. Compilation of Attorney Fees for Crawford County for the year 1975 was prepared by the County Clerk for the Judges' Supreme Court.

Joe Durga, Animal Control Officer, came before the Board in regard to his budget, and made a request for more funds. The Board would favor a normal license fee and larger court costs to help enforce the dog law. Commissioner Harwood brought up the licensing of cats.

Janice Cornell met with the Board, representing the Regional Planning Commission. County Planning has to be updated each year for EDA funding. She recommended the appointment of a county development council as a steering committee to work with regional planning people.

Jerry Morford met with the Board briefly in regard to planning on the city level.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT by Failing. Different rates are to go into effect April 1st. At a joint land fill meeting the rates were revised. The small increase will go into an Equipment Fund.

HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Kauffman. Copies of the annual report of the Health Department were passed out.

Mr. Kauffman announced a joint meeting of Northern Counties Association and Michigan Association of Counties at Grayling on March 25, 1976.

MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT by Lowrie. There was a meeting at the State Hospital at Traverse City in an effort to get input from the regions as to what the regions would like in programs, plans and funds to recognize local problems. The State Association of Mental Health Boards has invited all legislators and senators to have a voice regarding mental health responsibility.

Joe Durga met with the Board regarding snowplowing. He read the snowplowing contract, and there was a general discussion regarding plowing the emergency entrance to Bear Archery. He also spoke to the Board about a dog census for 1976.

MOTION by Failing, second by LaGrow, to pay \$40.00 per trip for snowplowing the county parking lot, retroactive to January 6, 1976. Roll Call. Carlisle, Failing, Harwood, Kauffman, LaGrow, Lowrie—All Aye. Carried.

Joe Wakeley, County Treasurer, met with the Board. He recommended that a dog census be done accurately for the whole county, and that it be followed up by the Prosecuting Attorney.

MOTION by LaGrow, second by Lowrie, to send a letter to all townships to notify them that it is the responsibility of the Animal Control Officer to take the dog census, and that the census will be taken by the County at 40c a head. Roll Call. LaGrow, Lowrie, Carlisle, Failing, Harwood, Kauffman—All Aye. Carried.

Mr. Wakeley gave the Board a review of receipts and expenditures for the first two months of 1976. He also gave a short history of the Tax Revolving Fund and the present status of this fund.

Roy Papenfus, Zoning Director, met with the Board regarding amending the Rural Zoning Ordinance.

MOTION by Lowrie, second by LaGrow, to adopt Ordinance No. 20-3-76 to amend the Crawford County Rural Zoning Ordinance enacted pursuant to the provisions of PA 183 of 1943. Roll Call. All Aye. Carried.

Larry Hunter, Equalization Director, met with the Board. Discussion was held as to some townships appealing the State Tax Commission figures. Mr. Hunter recommended a joint meeting with all townships and the city.

MOTION by Lowrie, second by Carlisle, to send a letter to the township supervisors and assessors in Crawford County that each assessor have his 1976 assessment rolls available no later than April 1, 1976. The Board as a whole will examine the assessment rolls on April 7, 1976 at 9:00 a.m. and will meet with the assessing officers and supervisors on that day. Roll Call. All Aye. Carried.

Preliminary budget requests from each department head must be submitted by March 20, 1976.

AIRPORT COMMITTEE REPORT by Lowrie. He informed the Board that they had information that Grayling Air may wish to sell all its equipment at the airport.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT by Lowrie. As per last month's action, the Planning Commission was dissolved, and a new one is to be appointed.

MOTION by Lowrie, second by Carlisle, that the appointment of members to the Planning Commission be tabled until the April meeting. Roll Call. All Aye. Carried.

Commissioner Lowrie reported on Union Bargaining, in the absence of Mr. Welch. Some changes were made and a plan is being drafted for Union Council 11 for the next meeting. He also reported on Teamsters Union, which met March 2nd and 3rd for arbitration. Members of the Union and County representatives and Joe Wakeley, County Treasurer, were present. The following statement was read by Mr. Lowrie at this meeting.

Statement of Crawford County's Financial Outlook for 1976

In April of 1975 the Finance Committee of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners drafted a preliminary County budget for calendar year 1976 for presentation to the Crawford County Tax Allocation Board.

This budget incorporated the best estimates available at that time of projected County revenues and expenditures for the calendar year 1976, and included a 5% across the board pay increase for all County employees and totaled \$1,073,634.00.

The \$1,073,634.00 total constituted a 13% increase in County expenditures as contrasted with 1975 calendar year budgeted expenditures and thus necessitated an increase in County tax revenues via a tax millage increase from the current 1975 rate of 7.01 mills to 7.685 mills for 1976. The increased millage to be applied to a State Equalized Valuation of \$74,518,576.00 to generate enough tax revenue to balance the anticipated 1976 expenditures as required by Constitutional Law.

This preliminary budget was presented to the Tax Allocation Board at their April meeting in support of the County's request for the additional millage to fulfill the Constitutional requirement of a balanced budget.

The final order of tax millage established by the Tax Allocation Board at the June 1975 meeting of that body set the County's millage at 6.20 mills, a reduction of 1.485 mills from the millage requested which when applied to the State Equalized Valuation of \$74,518,576.00 resulted in a reduction of County tax revenues of approximately \$110,600.00 for calendar year 1976.

As a matter of fact the reduction in millage, and as a consequence the reduction in tax revenues, resulted in the County being forced to reduce expenditures below the 1975 calendar year level by approximately \$60,360.00.

Further compounding of the County's monetary problems occurred between April and December 1975 as the result of changes in the State of Michigan's fiscal policy, namely reductions in State funding of State mandated programs and policy. For example, a 10% budget reduction for funding Community Mental Health Services and a \$30,000.00 reduction in County Drug Lab funding.

State mandated policy also \$15,000.00 for 1976 further increased County expenditures by implementing charges for services rendered that had formerly been tendered at no cost to the County, for example, State audit of County records and by requiring additional services such as the Presidential Preferential Primary Election.

Facing revenue reductions of this magnitude and sharply increased costs of operation due to State of Michigan policy, inflation and previously negotiated incremental pay raises, the County has been forced to draft and adopt an austerity budget that hardly covers the built in increases in the costs of labor and materials, makes no provision for contingencies, with no surplus of any kind and with no further increases in employee benefits for 1976.

In summary, since the Tax Allocation Board Acts on behalf of the people in regard to the amount and distribution of the peoples tax dollars to the various local tax supported units, and since the action taken by the board mandated a reduction in County revenues and expenditures it is felt by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners that a reduction in expenditures and no increase in taxes was indeed mandated by the people of Crawford County.

Edward Lowrie
Chairman, Finance Committee
Crawford County Board of Commissioners

MOTION by LaGrow, second by Carlisle, that the department heads be notified that one person should be on duty during the noon hour in each department. Roll Call. All Aye. Carried.

MOTION by Lowrie, second by LaGrow, to pay two monthly payments now due, and pay the contract on a monthly basis for the Canon Copier, until we are fully satisfied with the machine. Roll Call. Lowrie, LaGrow, Carlisle, Failing, Harwood, Kauffman—All Aye. Carried.

Regular meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commis-

sioners continued and held in the Court House in the City of Grayling on the 9th day of March 1976.

Roll Call. Kenneth Carlisle, Rolla Failing, Patrick Harwood, Edward Lowrie—Present. Fred Kauffman, Joseph LaGrow, Dean Welch—Absent.

Meeting Called to order by Chairman ProTem, Patrick Harwood.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Lowrie. He explained the new method in which the Finance Committee is keeping tighter control over expenditures. Thereafter the Board went over the budget for two months of January and February to review all departmental expenditures.

Commissioner Welch now present for a short time because of illness.

The Committee on Finance would respectfully submit the following as their report, and do hereby recommend that the several amounts scheduled herein be allowed and that the Clerk of this Board be authorized to draw orders on the County Treasurer.

NAME OF CLAIMANT	CHARACTER OF CLAIM	ALLOWED & REJECTED
Mich. Consolidated Gas Co.	Fuel	1441.85
Consumers Power Company	Electric Service	937.40
Curtiss Reporting Co.	Prb. Crt. Recorder Lease	90.00
Doubladay Bros. and Co.	Office Supplies	217.60
Star Office Supply	Office Supplies	16.06
Mich. Assn. of Counties	Registration Fees	70.00
Bureau of Business Practice	Office Supplies	(rej.) 58.20
Honeywell	Equipment Repair	215.14
Steindler Paper Company	Janitor Supplies	79.44
Madsen Cash Lumber Yard	Bldg. Maintenance	2.40
Miller Hardware	Bldg. Maintenance	20.10
Jack Millikin, Inc.	Grounds Maintenance	180.00
Automotive Parts and Supply	Equipment & Repair	121.97
Grayling Mercantile Co.	Clothing Allowance	110.65
Prosecuting Attny's. Assn. of Mi. Dues		150.00
Untd. Cnty. Officers Assn. of Mi. Dues		90.00
Pitney Bowes	Equipment Maintenance	105.00
B.G.C. Graphic Equipment	Micro-film supplies	42.10
William Thomas Wolf	Travel Expense	6.75
Larry D. Hunter	Travel Expense	20.70
Roy Papenfus	Travel Expense	150.15
Grayling Office Supply	Office Supplies	1.45
Tufts Distributing Co.	Equipment and Supplies	40.30
Dawson's	Film Supplies	4.65
Whipple Photo Service, Inc.	Film Supplies	8.94
Charles Fick-Standard Oil	Car Expense	1058.97
Communication Service	Equipment Maintenance	169.00
Wares Brothers	Office Sup. - Copier rental, Sup. & down payment	340.00
		(rej.) 3035.00
Mac's Drug Store	Film Sup. & Drugs	106.33
Board of Social Workers	Registration Dues	15.00
George Erickson	Travel Expense	251.13
Cadillac Overall Supply Co.	Ambulance Supplies	2.60
Mercy Hospital	Medical expense	(rej.) 100.00
Larry Wakeley	Service Call	10.00
Houghton Lake Resorter	Classified Ad	8.40
Cooperative Extension Service	Expenses	176.58
Cooperative Ext. Service	Secretary	520.03
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Drs. Dosch & Burkley	Coroners Call	15.00
TVM	Radio Beacon Inspection	20.00
Xerox Corp.	Copier rental	225.41
Lewis H. Johnson	Travel Expense	44.50
Jeremy Jones	Travel expense	25.10
Arthur Lozon	Travel expense	23.30
Harold Mertes	Travel expense	22.70
Donald Jensen	Travel expense	20.00
Edith L. Kerr	Travel expense	24.50
Grace Stancil	Travel expense	12.00
Fred Schaubly	Travel expense	26.30
Fred L. Swaffer	Travel expense	26.00
Rita Sarrault	Travel expense	22.70
Milltown Laminating	Laminations	7.00
Beckman Instruments, I.C.	Drug Lab Supplies	141.90
L.B. Labs, Inc.	Drug Lab Supplies	5.00
Janice L. Cornell	Travel Expense	41.93
Huron Pines Hes. Con.&Dev.	Appropriation	37.50
		(rej.) 112.50
Debra L. Smith	Travel expense	9.52
Grayling Oil Company	Car Expense	140.60
Carl Luguel	Travel Expense	88.00
Joe Durga	Snowplowing	320.00
Joe Durga	Snowplowing	50.00
Larry Wakeley	Car expense	32.00

MOTION by Welch, second by Carlisle, to approve and accept the report of the Finance Committee. Roll Call. Welch, Carlisle, Failing, Harwood, Lowrie—All Aye. Carried.

MOTION by Lowrie, second by Carlisle, to approve Crawford County Road Commission vouchers in the amount of \$1,243.31, covering a period from March 7 to December 26, 1975. Roll Call. Lowrie, Carlisle, Failing, Harwood, Welch—All Aye. Carried.

It was brought to the attention of the Board that one pay check was being issued one day early. The County Clerk explained this matter and stated that it was no undue hardship to his office, but he recommended that this be done only under certain circumstances.

Commissioner Welch informed the Board that the Arbitrator for Teamsters Union had asked for a last and best offer from the Board of Commissioners to be submitted by March 12. General discussion was held.

John Keir, Road Commission Engineer, met with the Board in regard to a letter the Road Commission received from Colonel Rutkowski, Camp Grayling Commander, about rebuilding Pollack Bridge near the airport.

MOTION by Welch, second by Failing, to approve the project of rebuilding the bridge known as Pollack Bridge, if approved by Crawford County Road Commission. Roll Call. All Aye. Carried.

Commissioner Welch reported on activities of the Sheriff Department.

The bills of the several commissioners were allowed at this time:

Joseph LaGrow	40.00
Fred Kauffman	293.20
Ed Lowrie	330.00
Rolla Failing	103.90</

— School Happenings —

Superintendent's Corner

By Fraser Dean

How many times in the past few years have you heard people say "Why do they have all of these extra-curricular activities for kids in music, drama, and athletics?" Those that ask the question usually go on to say "We didn't have those things when we were kids and we turned out all right."

Well, what we're up against is a sociological dilemma that doesn't equate easily with the times that we were kids.

Most of us remember that twenty, thirty, forty years ago our parents had very little time for leisure time activities. Sixty and seventy hour weeks were not uncommon. Saturday night and maybe Sunday were the only times that we were able to back away from the weekly firing and relax, go to church, take a Sunday drive, have a family picnic, go fishing, etc.

Prior to dishwashers, automatic washing machines, clothes dryers, milking machines and all of the other labor saving devices. The vast majority of the American population including children were found with so many responsibilities that little time was left to pursue leisure time activities.

Leisure Time is the sociological phenomenon that education has tried to come to grips with in the past few years. Almost everyone has much more of it now than anyone had several years ago.

What do kids do with leisure time? For that matter what do adults do? Is there a possibility that not having developed the attitudes, skills, habits or interests in the worthy use of leisure time might be a factor in the growing use of alcohol and drugs. I believe this is a definite factor.

The purpose of increased extra-curricular offerings is to provide every student with the means to develop his or her ability to use leisure time well.



PICTURED ARE STUDENTS of Miss Johnsons; Stacey Kent, Mike Johnston and Scott Trudeau who played American spies in the Revolutionary War. Dale Priesskorn played Francis Scott Key, the composer of the Star-Spangled Banner.

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OBSERVE BICENTENNIAL YEAR—In observance of this Bicentennial year, members of Mrs. Knibbs second grade class have completed a large patchwork quilt. This year the tying off process was done on a 100-year-old quilting frame loaned to the class by Mrs. Bovee. Raffle tickets on the quilt are being sold for .10c and may be purchased by any member of this second grade. The drawing will be held on April 29th and the quilt is on display at the Yardstick on Michigan Avenue.

Another Bicentennial project recently completed by the class was the writing of letters to students in Eastern schools participating in the Bicentennial Junior Committees of Correspondence. Each student received a membership card after completing his letter and the class hopes to receive their charter of membership soon from this organization.

Frederic Elementary News

A big thanks to everyone who assisted in preparing the carnal corn for the carnival. Besides our sixth graders and their teachers, some of our POP parents helped make the sale a success.

Miss Geiss came to work in the resource program. She helped Mike, Cliff, Todd, and Randy build a store. The group's store will soon be open for business. Each of their classmates have been given a paper quarter with which to shop.

"Mr. C" came from Cotton Candy Land to teach the Kindergarteners about careers. They have been talking about what they want to be when grown up and drawing pictures about careers. Grown ups have been visiting the room to tell about their work.

Everyone helped bring in materials for the fourth grade to make no-bake cookies. On Friday, Mr. Hatfield taught in the high school for Mrs. Praise and Mrs. Praise taught the fourth grade for the day.



STUDENTS MAKE BREAD—As one of the Bicentennial projects planned in the Frederic 2nd grade, the children in Mrs. Batway's class enjoyed the experience of making bread. The entire class had a "hand" in the project and all enjoyed eating the finished product. Here Julie Headlee and Sarah Geoit are kneading the dough while Richie Dowland, Michael Pratt and Delta Olin are waiting for a turn to knead.

3rd Grade Bicentennial Program

On Wednesday, March 24th, the five sections of the Third Grade Class of the Grayling Elementary School presented a Bicentennial program in honor of the country's birthday. The program spanned highlights of American History from the 1620's to the 1880's.

Mr. Andrus' class introduced the program with the song "Come, Ye Thankful People Come," the poem "The Pilgrims Came," and the song "This Land is Your Land." Miss Johnson's class presented skits dealing with the periods 1776 and 1812. Miss Kraus' class presented the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" highlighting the Civil War period. Mrs. Gothro's class presented an old fashioned school in the 1880's. The program was closed with the presentation of "America the Beautiful" by Mrs. Benson's class. All the songs were accompanied by Mrs. Manutes, Grayling Elementary School music teacher.

The Bicentennial program was presented for the enjoyment of the Elementary School grades on Wednesday afternoon and then again for the parents of the Grayling Elementary Third Graders on Wednesday evening, March 24th.

School Activities Calendar

Week of April 2 to 8, 1976

Saturday, April 3

There will be a Vocal Festival all day today at the high school.

Monday, April 5

The Middle School Bands will present a concert in the Middle School Gym tonight at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 6

Tonight is Travel and Adventure night in Grayling. Tonight is the last program of the season and features Dennis Cooper and his "Northwestern Adventure".

The local stamp club will meet tonight at the high school.

Wednesday, April 7

The Health Department will use the Middle School Gym tonight.

Travel Series

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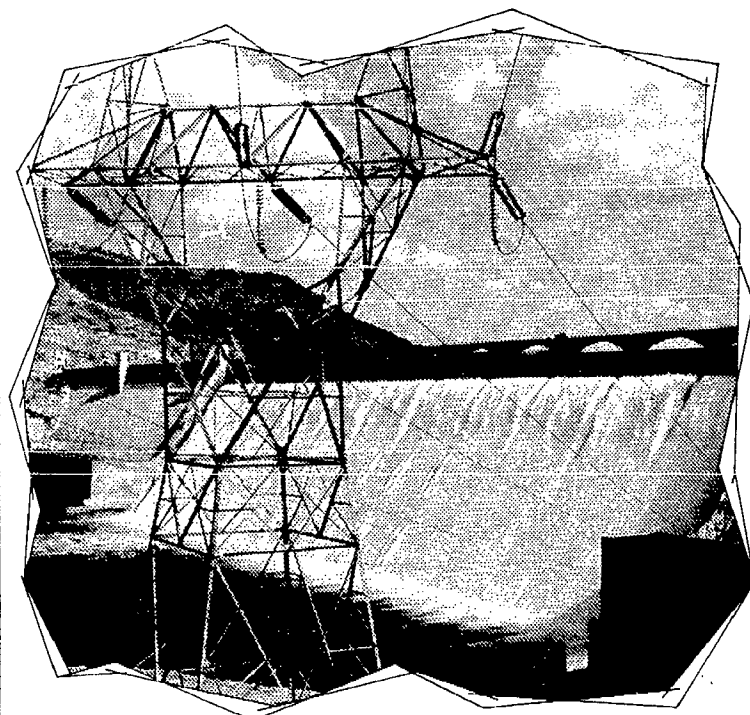
beyon and sheep. One of the canyons not too often visited is Hells Canyon on the Snake River plus the Sawtooth Mountain Range and the Idaho side of the Teton Mountains. This fantastic journey by home made steam boat ends at the World Exposition of 1974 in Spokane, Washington.

"Northwestern Adventure" will be shown in Grayling's Joseph Stripe Auditorium which is located in the new Grayling High School, three miles north of the city. Doors will open at 7:15 and a special "Pre-Adventure Concert" by the Grayling Bell Ringers will begin at 7:30. Dennis Cooper will begin his hilarious narration of his true life adventure film promptly at 8:00 p.m. Tickets for the travelogue will be available at the door, the night of the performance.

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Matthew	Mark	Hebrews	Matthew	John	Luke	Luke
27:11-31	15:25-41	9:11-28	28:1-10	20:1-18	24:13-35	24:36-49
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Maggie Ruddy took a 1st place, Duke Knight placed second and Brad Wejrowski placed third.

There will be one more tournament on April 24th at 1:00 p.m. at the Judo club before the team goes to Northwestern Michigan College on May 30th, which will entitle the winners to compete in the nationals at Little Rock, Arkansas.

Tax Reform

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more when I read such items as the following from the Bay City Times a week or so ago.

Lansing (UPI) - The State House has narrowly defeated a move to unman manholes. A proposal to change the word "manhole" to "personhole" was offered to the House Monday night and was adopted on a 58-41 vote. But House leaders who scoffed at the measure and called it ridiculous, succeeded in having the measure reconsidered and then killed. "Well we have chairpersons, so why not personholes," said Rep. Josephine Hunsinger, D-Detroit. "It's all for equality".

Rep. Kirby Holmes, R-Utica, said that the de-sexing of work holes would boost Michigan's image as a leader in workers and women's rights. "This is definitely going to put Michigan on the map tomorrow morning", Holmes said. "Michigan has long been known as a leader in worker's legislation".

Far more important to me is the fact that in my opinion, Michigan, operating under its present property tax structure, is rapidly approaching the point of forcing people from their homes. When this happens, and I believe it already has to some degree, it will certainly put Michigan on the map.

Bits O' Talk

by Fay Boyce

Mrs. Linda Franklin (nee Linda Rutkowski) and son Mark, returned home to New Jersey last week after visiting with her family. Col. and Mrs. E.A. Rutkowski for 2 1/2 weeks. Sorry to hear about the ankle Linda.

Mrs. Wilfred Laurent and sons, Christopher and Greg, and guest, Garry Lancelotta, of Traverse City spent Saturday and Sunday visiting Mrs. Matilda Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Perry and two children, Kelly and Angela of Byron Center came a week ago last Friday to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill LaRush and Mrs. Thelma Hubbell. While they were here, Bill suffered a heart attack and had to be hospitalized so the Perrys remained for the week, leaving for home on Monday morning. Bill is doing very well.

Visiting the John Canfields on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. John W. Canfield, Dan Canfield and Kathy Seely and children of Grayling and Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Fishell and daughters of Roscommon.

Taxpayer's Assn. to Meet In Lake City

The Taxpayer's Association of Missaukee County is hosting an open meeting for all northern Michigan residents concerned about the raising property taxes and quality of education in the entire area.

Sometimes educators get the feeling that "taxpayer groups" are against education, which isn't really the truth. "Taxpayer groups" ARE concerned about the quality of education along with the fear of being taxed out of their property to support education under the present state school financing method.

At the meeting to be held in the Lake City Courthouse on April 2nd at 8:00 p.m., Sidney Ouwinga, Chairman of the Osceola County Board of Commissioners will explain resolutions that representatives from 26 counties participated in drafting, that calls for new state action on K-12 financing.

Mercy

Hospital News

The following are among the patients at Mercy Hospital this week: Jack Feldhauser, Gladys Hannah and Esther Nephew, all of Grayling; and Betty Christie of Frederic.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Janisse of Roscommon have named their new son, Jeffrey Joseph. He was born March 21st, weighing 8 lbs. 10 ozs.

A daughter, Kimberly Rochelle, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Geno of Grayling on March 24th. She weighed 7 lbs. 5 1/2 ozs.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McCoy of Roscommon are the parents of a son, Jason Lawayne, born March 26th, weighing 7 lbs. 12 1/2 ozs.

An 8 lb. 5 oz. baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Martindale of Frederic on March 27th. He has been named Christopher James.

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